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U.S. Ambassador announces national winners of the Kenya World AIDS Day International Poster Contest

U.S. Ambassador to Kenya Robert F. Godec officially announced the national winners of the Kenya World AIDS Day International Poster Contest on April 30, 2013. During the ceremony Ambassador Godec expressed his enthusiasm for the creativity demonstrated by talented youth and congratulated all winners from different group ages.

The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in Kenya launched a World AIDS Day Poster Contest to solicit artwork from youth reflecting the theme "Working Together for an AIDS-Free Generation." Over 150 schools participated in the contest representing 20 counties within Kenya. Schools participating in the contest are linked to PEPFAR-funded HIV prevention and education initiatives implemented by USAID, Peace Corps, and CDC, in addition to the U.S. Mission's EducationUSA program. The United States is proud to be supporting the Kenyan people as they take a leadership role in their fight against HIV/AIDS. Working together, with science guiding our efforts, we can build on our successes to save even more lives.

The Kenyan winners will be judged as part of a global contest by the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) in Washington, D.C between April 30 and May 31, 2013. The top entries from each country will be highlighted through poster shows, press releases, website features, exhibits and other venues. These artists will receive a certificate signed by the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Ambassador Eric Goosby. Additionally, top entries from each country will be judged as part of a global contest.

Congratulations to the winners in Kenya!

Age Group 1 (Ages 5 to 9):

1st Place:

Mitchelle Misiku, 9 years old, Mashimoni Squatters Primary School, Langata in Nairobi County

2nd Place:

Joseph Maranga, 9 years old, Kanyorosha Primary School, Kangemi in Nairobi County

3rd Place:

Michelle Nabwire, 9 years old, Muthaiga Primary School, Kasarani in Nairobi County

Age Group 2 (Ages 10 to 15):

1st Place: Mercy Wanza, 13 years old, St. Gabriel's Boarding, Mwingi in Kitui County

2nd Place:

Odhiambo Felix Owino, 15 years old, Ndenga Secondary School, Ukwala in Siaya County

3rd Place:

Phidencia Simiyu, 10 years old, Our Lady of Peace Chebukaka Primary School, Bungoma in Bungoma County

Age Group 3 (Ages 16 to 20):

1st Place:

Patrick Ismael Liewa, 20 years, St. Mary's Ukwala High, Ukwala, Siaya County

2nd Place:

Samuel Wathome Gitau, 16 year old, Ruthimitu Secondary School, Dagoretti in Nairobi County

3rd Place:

Peter Kamau, 20 years old, Maina Wanjigu Secondary School, Kamukunji in Nairobi County

PEPFAR is the U.S. Government initiative to help save the lives of those suffering from HIV/AIDS around the world. This historic commitment is the largest by any nation to combat a single disease internationally, and PEPFAR investments also help alleviate suffering from other diseases across the global health spectrum. PEPFAR is driven by a shared responsibility among donor and partner nations and others to make smart investments to save lives.

For more information, please visit www.PEPFAR.gov and <http://twitter.com/pepfar> or www.facebook.com/PEPFAR.



Ambassador Godec and EducationUSA Program Advisor discussing the winners



Ambassador Godec with CDC representative discussing Kenya's World AIDS poster contest

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